



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 020431.0947

In re Application of:

**THOMAS BURKHARDT, ET AL.**

Serial No. 09/963,960

Filed: 25 SEPTEMBER 2001

For: **LARGE-SCALE SUPPLY CHAIN PLANNING  
SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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§ Examiner:  
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§ **KALYAN K. DESHPANDE**  
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§ Art Unit: 3623  
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§ Confirmation No.: 1567  
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**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP: RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A Final Office Action in the subject Application was mailed to the undersigned on 15 March 2006, which provides for a response period ending 15 June 2006. The Applicant filed an Amendment After Final on 20 April 2006, within two (2) months of the date of the Final Office Action. An Advisory Action was mailed to the undersigned on 11 May 2006. This Amendment is being filed prior to the ending of the response period 15 June 2006 of the Final Office Action mailed on 15 March 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to examining the subject Application.

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